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TURN FOR THE BETTER

A NUMBER of recent events point to the fact that after all there are elements of goodwill in the world today as we rapidly approach Christmas.

The Cyprus emergency has ended, even though the actual fighting ceased last February. But while the formal ending of the emergency is only a matter of formality, the way is now clear for independence.

Diplomatic relations have been re-established with Egypt after three years of estrangement. Both these emergencies were linked together as Cyprus became a British base following the withdrawal from Egypt and later became the jumping off point for the invasion of the Suez Canal.

It will, however, take many years to obliterate the memories of the years of strife in the Eastern Mediterranean, but the fact that both moves have been made is all to the good and there is little to stand in the way of future mutual understanding.

THERE are also signs that the Arab world is doing some re-thinking about the Communists and looking to the West for assistance and friendship. This is a movement which should be encouraged.

Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union have been making slow but sure progress towards permanent banning of nuclear tests, which is another reason for cheerfulness.

These Powers are agreed on how to make a treaty work. Although a pact has not yet been signed at least the organisation will be there and ready when the time comes.

THEN again there is the change in Mr Khrushchev's attitude over the past few months which gives rise to a feeling of hope. A year ago there did not appear to be the least chance of reaching agreement on Summit talks. Now the Russian leader is willing to go to the peak at any time provided that the approach is made in a reasonable way.

Admittedly there is still a long way to go. The ugly facts about Hungary remain and the French are determined to explode their nuclear device, but these difficulties also existed a year ago.

It is generally agreed that things have taken a turn for the better and provided goodwill exists on all sides there is no reason why things cannot be even better still.

U.S. TROOPS IN JAPAN

Stationing Of Bases Made Legal By Court

Tokyo, Dec. 16.

The Supreme Court ruled today that American troops and bases in Japan are legal. It held they do not violate Japan's "no-war" constitution.

The court, in a sweeping decision leaving Japan free to retain its Western military ties, also in effect held that Japan's own self-defence forces are fully legal.

It also ties down any right of Japanese courts to overrule international treaties made by a government such as the U.S.-Japan Security Pact which provides for the stationing of American troops here.

The Japanese Socialist Party condemned the decision but the ruling Liberal-Democratic Party hailed the court's move.

Mr Inejiro Asanuma, Secretary General of the Socialist Party, said the decision was a "political judgment" given under pressure of the government of Premier Nobusuke Kishi.

He said that if the court had judged according to the spirit of Japan's "no war" constitution, it would have had to uphold the Lower Court decision.

Mr Shiro Kawashima, Secretary-General of the Liberal-Democrats, said, however, that the decision could not have been otherwise.

He said it would put a stop to the "unreal" following the decision of the Lower Court on March 30, which ruled that U.S. troops were in Japan unconstitutional. —AP and UPI.

Queen's Xmas Message Will Be Shorter

London, Dec. 15.

Queen Elizabeth's Christmas Day message to the country and Commonwealth is likely to be shorter this year on her doctors' advice, a Buckingham Palace spokesman said today.

This year, the British Broadcasting Corporation will broadcast the message at 0900 GMT (5 p.m. HKT) instead of the traditional 1500 GMT (11 p.m. HKT). —Reuters.

Typhoon Gilda Nearing PI

A Hongkong Observatory spokesman said this morning that typhoon Gilda has been pinpointed 150 miles east south-east of Manila.

It is moving west at about 11 knots, he added.

Maximum winds of up to 132 m.p.h. have been reported.

The spokesman said at this stage the typhoon was too far away to be able to predict how Hongkong would be affected.

Two U.S. Carriers Adrift Break Tow

London, Dec. 16.

Two U.S. aircraft carriers, Mission Bay and Guadalcanal, being towed to Japan for scrapping have broken adrift in mid-Pacific, according to a message received here early today from Honolulu and Lloyd's shipping intelligence.

The 820-ton Dutch tug Elbe is also in trouble in a heavy gale and is asking for assistance according to the message from Lloyd's agent in Honolulu.

The message said that the United States contingent at Honolulu had reported that the two old American aircraft carriers, Mission Bay and Guadalcanal which the Elbe was towing to Japan for scrapping had broken adrift and the tug itself needed assistance probably because its propeller had been fouled by a wire.

The tug's position was given as in mid-ocean between Hawaii and Wake Island.

In San Francisco, a U.S. Coastguard spokesman said all three vessels were believed drifting helplessly.

A United States navy ship the Richard S. M. Edwards was racing to the scene but was not expected to reach the area until Thursday.

The spokesman said he had few details of the mishap. —Reuters.

India Can Now Make A-Weapons

New Delhi, Dec. 16.

The Hindustan Times reported today that India now had the capacity to make atomic bombs and weapons.

It said this was announced by the atomic energy chief, Dr Bhabha, to an informal consultative committee of Parliament last night.

The Hindustan Times said Dr Bhabha, while emphasising India's capacity to make atomic weapons, had quoted from Prime Minister Nehru's earlier statements that India would use atomic energy for peaceful and constructive purposes and not for war. —Reuters.

AN 'INVASION' OVER THE TELEPHONE

New York, Dec. 16.

"One, two, three, four, testing," a telephone installer intoned monotonously. "One, two, three, four, testing."

Tedium finally overcame him. He switched his line of patient.

"Space ship one, space ship one, come in space ship one. This is flotilla leader. I am now over Washington. Do you read me, space ship one?"

Back came a retort from another workman:

"I read you, flotilla leader. We are now approaching New York. First wave now in control of Sheridan Square."

A quick adjoining electrical circuits, however, sent their mock messages out over telephone lines in five city exchanges.

Startled subscribers called police.

"I have spacemen on my telephone," wailed one woman.

Police solved the riddle and passed the way of complaints to the Telephone Company.

From the latter came an edict: "From now on they stick to saying 'one, two, three, four, testing.'"

"But if they get bored with that they can try 'four, three, two, one, testing.'" —AP.

Frozen Cars For Finland



With her cargo of cars frozen to her deck, the German freighter Bleichen from Hamburg docks in the south harbour at Helsinki, Finland, on December 10. Thousands of pounds of ice and snow hangs from the rigging and over the gunwales after her voyage across the storm swept Baltic in sub-zero temperatures.

Possible Danger Of An Economic Split In Europe

Paris, Dec. 15.

British Foreign Secretary, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, today warned the ministerial council of the North Atlantic Alliance of the danger of an economic split in Europe that might lead to a military and political split.

Mr Lloyd was speaking of the controversy between the six-nation common market, to which France belongs, and the "outer-seven" group of free trade nations to which Britain belongs.

Mr Lloyd said the United Kingdom welcomed the creation of the European Economic Community—the Common Market—and understood the reasons why it had come into being.

But he said he hoped it would not make the mistake of developing into an exclusive organisation, and hoped that the seven would help bring the six together in a United Europe.

Most Fruitful

Mr Lloyd told the afternoon closed session of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Defence and Finance that disarmament appeared to be the most fruitful subject for negotiation at the forthcoming East-West summit conference.

But he said that Germany, linked with the problem of Berlin, should also be a subject for discussion.

He said there had been the beginning of a world détente, and this had to be consolidated. The reasons for a change in attitude by the Soviet Union, he believed, lay in the realisation that nuclear war meant large-scale destruction and also in the great changes within the Soviet Union itself, including the drive for higher living standards.

Differences

He conceded that there were arguments and differences on means and methods, but he said these were inevitable in a democratic alliance.

Speaking of the Allied military effort and the question of whether to organise it in more closely knit fashion or on a national military basis, Mr Lloyd said that Britain for its part endorsed the position as set forth by the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr Christian Herter.

Mr Lloyd said the heads of Western governments who are to meet in Paris shortly would have to make four decisions about any invitation to Mr Khrushchev to attend the East-West meeting. He said they would have to decide on the place where the conference was to be held, the date, working methods to be applied, and the general tone of the note sent.

Mr Lloyd said the invitation should indicate the purposes of the conference in general terms. He said the West should try, before the summit meeting, to obtain a Soviet definition of the term 'peaceful coexistence.' —AFP.

BRITAIN'S COTTON INDUSTRY RECOVERY

London, Dec. 15.

Daily Express Financial Editor Frederick Ellis gave three reasons tonight why cotton has made a tremendous recovery in Britain. He gives these reasons:

● The rush to scrap plants under the Government compensation plan has produced a flood of orders on fears that less plant will mean longer delivery dates.

● The strength of raw cotton prices.

● The long hot summer Britain experienced which cleared a pipeline of stocks as women hurried for cool clothing.

He writes: "A quick check in the mill towns tonight revealed Lancashire was carrying the fattest order books it has known for years. Many mills are working overtime and in some cases delivery dates went into the second half of 1960."

Outlaws Behead Priests

Rome, Dec. 15.

Two Roman Catholic priests were beheaded when their missionary station at Bafanga, in the French Cameroons, was attacked last November by hundreds of outlaws, the Fides news agency reported here today.

The agency said another priest and a nun were injured during the attack.

Bafanga is about 110 miles from the coast and only a few miles from the British Cameroons.

Outlaws have been increasingly active in the neighbourhood. Last August they killed another priest and a few days before the recent attack they kidnapped a 16-year-old girl from the mission. —Reuters.

UAR AND JORDANIAN JETS CLASH

Tel Aviv, Dec. 15.

Four United Arab Republic MIG jet fighters clashed with four Jordanian British-built Hunter jets in a 10-minute air battle over the Syria-Jordanian border yesterday, according to reports reaching here today.

The reports brought by travellers from Jordan who arrived here today said neither side suffered any casualties.

Censorship in Jordan and the UAR was said to have banned publication of reports on the battle, the causes of which were not explained.

According to one source, Jordan lodged a protest with the UAR authorities regarding the incident. —Reuters.

Boac Authorised To Cut Fares On Far East Routes

London, Dec. 15.

The Minister of Aviation, Mr Duncan Sandys, said tonight that he was authorising the British Overseas Airways Corporation to cut their fares on certain routes to the West Indies, Africa and the Far East.

The new economy rates would be between 10 and 20 per cent below the existing charges.

Mr Sandys, who was replying to a House of Commons debate on steps to allow Boac and its sister state-owned corporation British European Airways, to borrow more money, said he was consulting colonial authorities and airlines concerned about the exact level of the fares to be charged.

At the same time they would consider the time at which the new scheme should be introduced.

No elaboration of the Minister's statement about economy fares was forthcoming from Boac tonight. Their only comment was "We welcome an announcement from the Minister on this subject."

FLAG CARRIERS

The Minister said he did not intend to do anything to undermine the position of Boac or Bea.

They must continue to be Britain's principal flag carriers on the main air routes of the world.

"But there is scope also for the independents to expand. I believe there is an honourable place in our system for both the corporations and the independents," he said.

The bill being debated would permit Boac's borrowing limit to be increased by £20 million to £180 million and Bea's by £35 to £95 million.

The new limits were expected to cover requirements over the next four years.

The bill was given an unopposed second reading in approval in principle. —Reuters.

Defected RAF Man Returns

London, Dec. 15.

A Royal Air Force officer who defected to East Germany three years ago returned to London today.

Anthony Maynard Wright went to Berlin in December 1956, after contacting the Soviet Embassy here, the British Air Ministry said, and afterward, radio Berlin broadcast statements attributed to the British officer bitterly denouncing British policy over Suez and Cyprus.

Last November, Wright, then in Moscow, asked the British Embassy to be allowed to return.

An official spokesman said Wright had been cashiered for "absence without leave," but added that he did not expect other sanctions would be taken against him. —AP.

Indicted

Washington, Dec. 15.

Fourteen present and former guards at the Florida State Prison were indicted on Tuesday on charges alleging they shackled or chained prisoners to the bars of their cells, sometimes without food or clothing, for periods ranging from 24 hours to a week or more. —AP.

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Britain's Stable Prices

But There Are No Signs Of Over-Confidence

London, Dec. 15. For something like 18 months Britain has enjoyed relatively stable prices with all their attendant blessings. But this has not bred, as might have been expected, an air of dangerous over-confidence. Indeed it has not bred even confidence itself, both safe and justified.

The truth is that the British have so long been buffeted by economic storms, so long urgently warned of dangerous shoals awaiting the headless and so long tempted by economic providence by being complacent, that such a condition has become second nature to them.

Inevitably the teeth of every pit horse has been warily scrutinised and there has sprung up a breed of economic Jehu who must peer into the dim corners of every situation looking for the bogeyman they knew must be there.

To a large extent this attitude is the result of outdated economic thinking which sees man as the helpless pawn of inexorable economic cycles. Good times must inevitably be followed by bad.

Clear Sign
One clear sign of this is the "let's make hay" attitude of the nation's small investors in recent months. The slightest shift of economic wind sets them scuttling.

On no stronger grounds than nervous caution, born of the good fortune cannot last.

This attitude is in the long run dangerous. And since it could be infectious it would be well to look boldly at what factors could disturb the present stability.

First—and some observers say likeliest—is the rising international interest rates because this would attract funds away from Britain.

That is essentially true. But at the same time it is worth noting that Americans are boosting their Treasury Bill rate—result of logical limiting of their long-term interest rates, but not had the effect forecast by the more vocal alarmists.

Deciding with this prospect the Financial Times has pointed out that the outflow would be limited to those short-term funds which are disposed on immediate interest rate and banking liquidity considerations; these form only a fraction of the whole and stand at very little beside the more sterling balances belonging to the Commonwealth countries. If the worst happened and all this short-term money was withdrawn, reserves would remain quite adequate, particularly as there is the IMF behind them.

Trade Gap

The second fact is the widening of the trade gap. This I believe is the most real of the dangers ahead. The Board of Trade's official provisional figures for November show a jump of from just under £40,000,000 in October to nearly £50,000,000.

Now sober and authoritative sources said that in itself, it is nothing to worry about and that Britain can stand a moderate increase in imports. Doubtless this is so. But the latest figures show clearly that

the situation needs watching and it is comforting to know that the Government is watching it carefully.

The third and final factor is a round of excessive wage settlement which would again start the inflationary spiral.

Of the three, this could be the most difficult to anticipate and avoid.

Bigger Share
While economic expansion is taking place, rank and file trade unionists are inclined to see this as a justification for demanding a bigger share of a bigger cake.

Price stability of itself, does not impress them greatly. That in measure explains the Chancellor of the Exchequer's unrelenting campaign for lower prices. But he is going to need the whole-hearted co-operation of businessmen and trade union leaders if he is to be successful. There, then, are the factors most likely to unsettle the present happy stability of the British economy.

It would be foolhardy to minimise them. It would be equally so to take the fatalistic view that any one or all of them are unavoidable.—London Express Service.

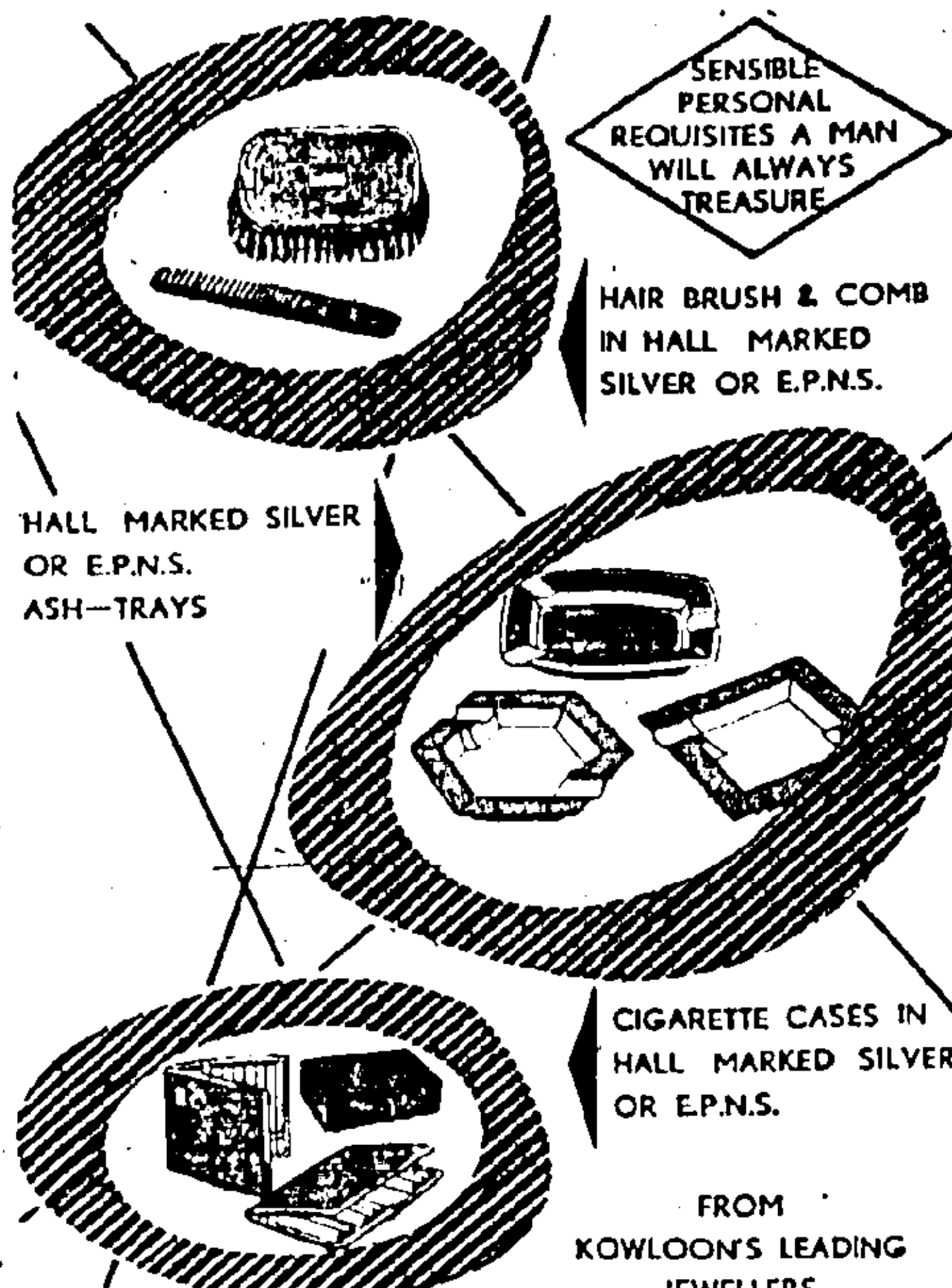
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by Our Own Correspondent

Business done at the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately £1,075,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

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INSURANCES	East Asia	170		52	165.0
SHIPPING	London	39	39.5	22	41.0
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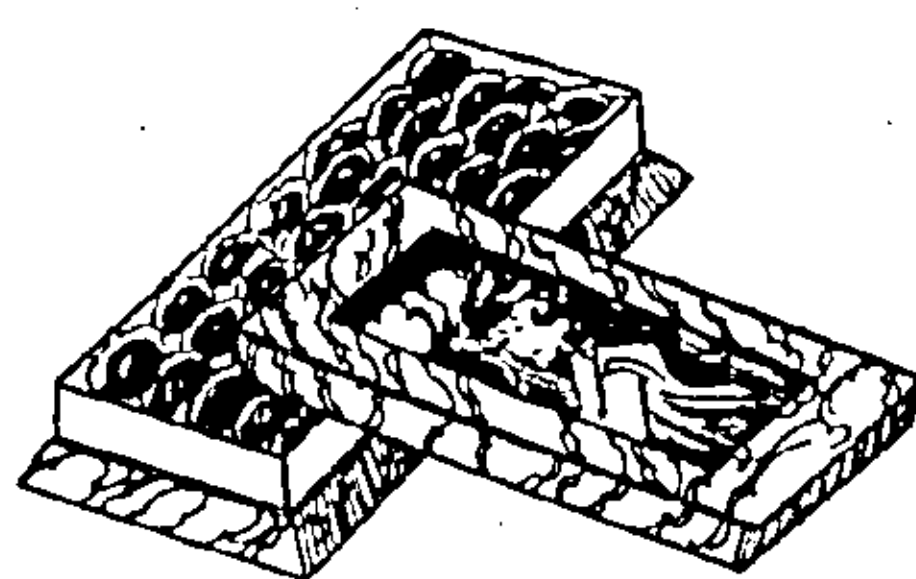
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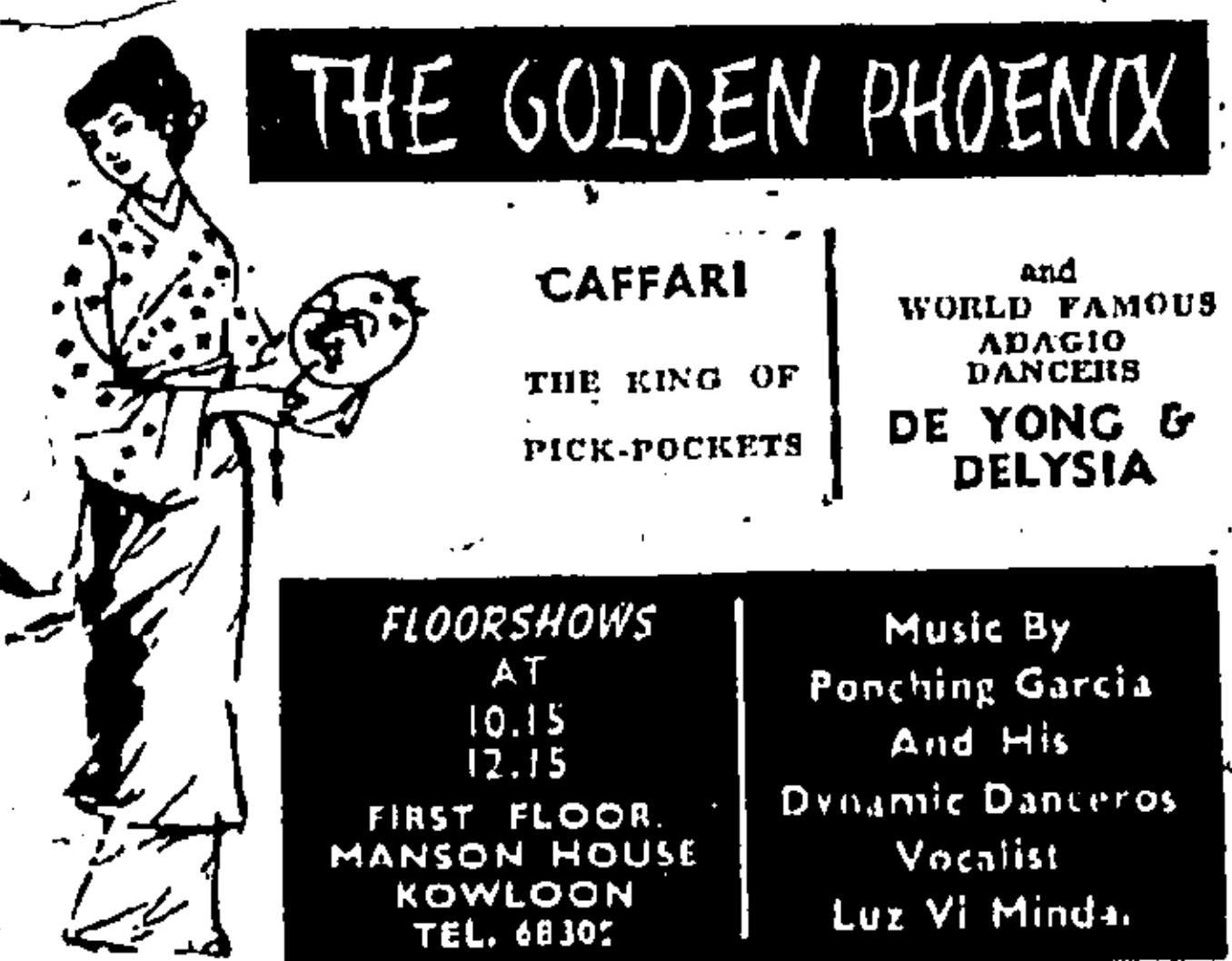


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UNIVERSITY HOAX

Schoolboys Victims Of Most Successful Joke For Years

Oxford, Dec. 15.
More than 50 scholarship-seeking schoolboys were to-
night revealed as victims of Oxford University's
most successful hoax for several years.

Montgomery Sets Record

London, Dec. 15.
Field Marshal Viscount
Montgomery's World Re-
fugee appeal on June 7,
raised £54,450, a record
for peacetime radio or
television appeals. It was
announced here today.

This sum swells to over
£1,000,000 the money al-
ready raised in Britain for
the World Refugee Year
appeal.
Mr Tony Shaw, Organising
Secretary of the British
Committee, said it was
hoped to exceed "comfort-
ably" the £2,000,000
target set last June when
the appeal was launched.
Over 38 voluntary or-
ganisations are aiding the
appeal and more than 700
local committees have been
formed to raise money.—
Reuter.

Youth Gets Three Years For Killing

Glasgow, Dec. 15.
William Livingstone, a 19-
year-old youth whose father
was murdered when he was
young, was sent to prison for
three years here today for
killing a two-year-old girl.

Defending Counsel said
Livingstone's home background
was "a depressing and per-
haps squalid slum area."

He had been living with the
child's mother and hit the
child to quieten it.

The prisoner pleaded guilty
to killing the child.—China
Mail Special.

They were interviewed by a
panel of students pretend-
ing to be professors.
Questions were asked about
their academic and spare time
pursuits. These included: "Are
you interested in women?"
Many of the schoolboys were
then referred for further ques-
tioning to the "college psychia-
trist" who sat apart dressed in
a white coat.

GOWNED AND SOLEMN

None of the boys suspected a
hoax. Their interviewers were
all gowned and solemn.
The victims were staying at
Benson College for interviews
in connection with open scholar-
ships. They were called to at-
tend the bogus interviews by an
announcement on the college
notice board.—China Mail
Special.

DIRECTOR SUING FILM COMPANY

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.
Film Director Josef Von
Sternberg charged in a
US\$1,000,000 lawsuit to-
day that the movie "The
Blue Angel" is a travesty
on one he did with the
same title starring Mar-
lene Dietrich 30 years ago.

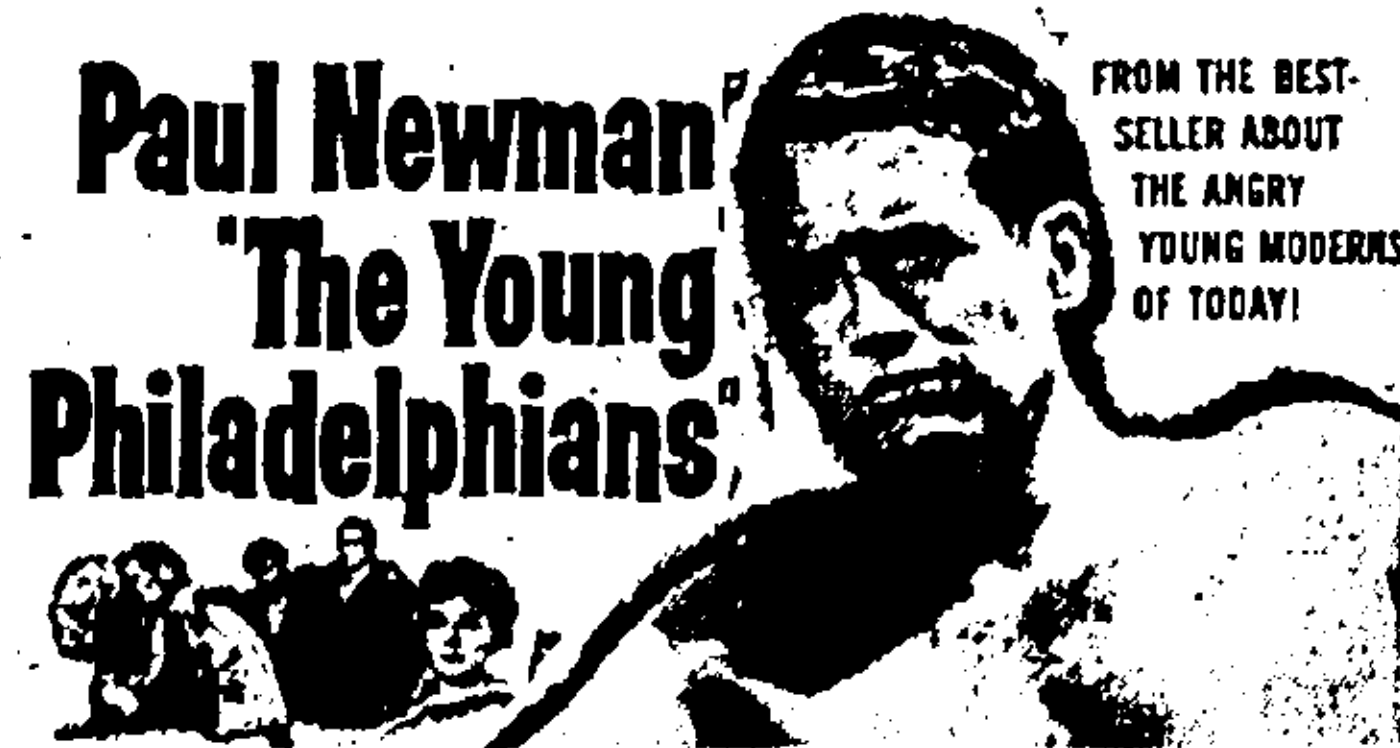
He asserted that the new
"Blue Angel" picture, starting
May 1959, is a misappropriation
of his movie.

He also charged that the new
"Blue Angel" is "an inferior
motion picture" and "deforms
and debases" the original
movie.

His suit is directed against
20th Century Fox Film Cor-
poration, New American
Library of World Literature
Inc., New York publisher
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China Reported Producing Own Jets

London, Dec. 16.
China's state aircraft fac-
tory near Mukden is now
producing the MIG-17 jet
fighter at the rate of be-
tween 20 and 25 a
month, a noted aviation
reference book reports
today.

The first Chinese version of
this single-seater fighter, says
"Jane's All the World's Aircraft",
was produced in 1956.
It adds: "Engines, radio, in-
struments and certain other
items of equipment are imported
from the USSR which also
supplies technical assistance."
"Jane's" devotes a section to
China for the first time in its
1959/1960 edition (published by
Sampson Low Murston and
Company at five guineas).

Giders

A feature of this section is
the emphasis being laid in
China on glider training.
"Jane's" says that with the
help of Polish experts, "large
gliding establishments" have
been set up at Tohan-Tia-Kou
and Shen-Lang and a central
gliding school has been or-
ganised by Polish instructors
at An-Yan.

Licence-production of gliders
of Polish origin began in these
factories in 1955/1956 and
"substantial numbers" of four
types have been delivered
since.

"Jane's" reports that a
Chinese glider design office was
formed towards the end of 1956
and the prototype of the "first
glider of original design" flew
in May of last year.

Photographs

The reference book publishes
seven photographs of Chinese
built aircraft and describes ten
in addition to the MIG-17.

Some of these are:
The Antonov AN-2, a gen-
eral purpose biplane, used for
agricultural work, aerial sur-
vey, photography and general
transport.

The Yak-18 two seater trainer
assembled in China from Rus-
sian components with the en-
gine built locally.

The Peking No. 1, a small
twin-engine trainer similar
to carry a crew of two,
eight passengers, and capable of
180 miles an hour. It was built
in 100 days at the Institute of
Aeronautical Engineering, Pek-
ing.

Trainer

A two-seater jet training aircraft
similar to the Russian Mig 15 U21
and claimed to have a top speed of
400 mph and a ceiling of 45,000 feet.
In a preface to its fifth edition
"Jane's" comments: "The aircraft
and Aero engine industries of the
great powers will depend very large-
ly on military orders for their ex-
istence although there would seem to
be some hope for the continuation
of this state of affairs for the future."
"Although it is unlikely that the
manned military aircraft will ever be
completely replaced by the missile,
the number and type of specialised
aircraft needed by the major air
forces are likely to decline in the
years to come."—Reuter.

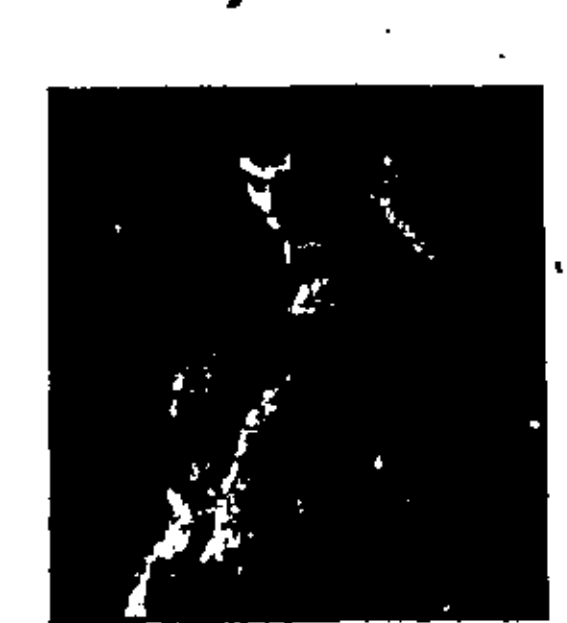
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Mr K Says Situation Improving

Moscow, Dec. 15.
Mr Nikita Khrushchev was
quoted here as saying to-
day that the international
situation was improving.
Mr Louis Goldblatt, Secretary-
Treasurer of the Pacific Coast
International Longshoremen's
and Warehousemen's Union,
who heads a union delegation
which has had a three week
tour of the Soviet Union, told
a press conference today Mr
Khrushchev had expressed this
view during a "friendly talk"
with the delegation in the
Kremlin.

Thus, reporting the press con-
ference, quoted Mr Goldblatt as
saying Mr Khrushchev had ex-
pressed full confidence in
socialism's ability to surpass
capitalism.

On disarmament, Mr Khrush-
chev had emphasised that arms
production could be replaced by
peacetime production and that
Soviet orders would provide a
way out in such circumstances,
Mr Goldblatt said.—Reuter.

Police Seek Drunk Driver, Bogus Doctor

London, Dec. 15.
Police were today seeking a
motorist arrested on a
drink charge and a bogus
doctor who declared him
capable of driving.
The motorist was picked up
in suburban Barnes, taken to
a Police Station and pronoun-
ced unfit to drive by a Police
surgeon.

He exercised his right to call
his own doctor who arrived and
said the man was fit to drive.
The man was bailed and can-
not now be traced.

Police have discovered that
the motorist was wanted for
other offences and the "doctor"
is not listed in any medical
directory.—China Mail Special.



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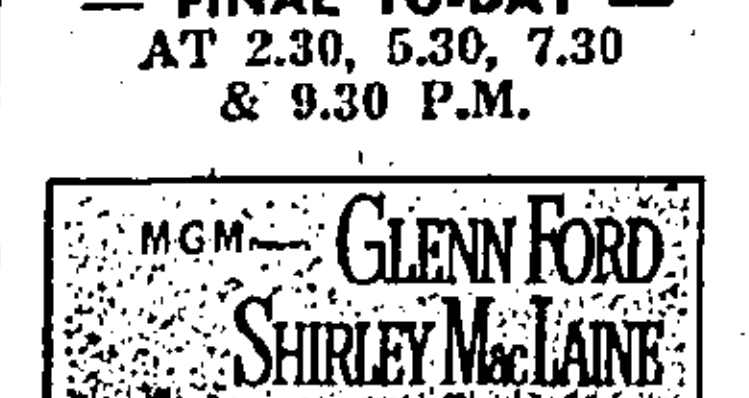


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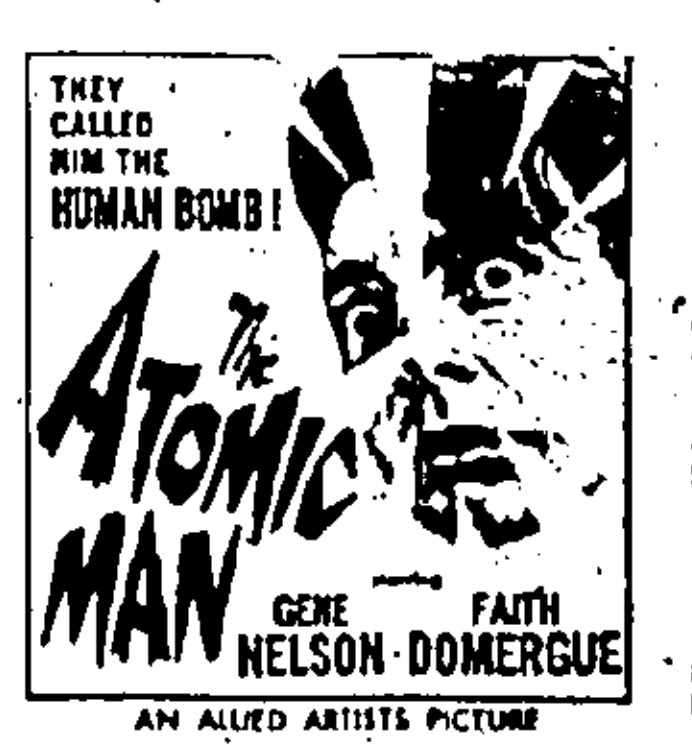


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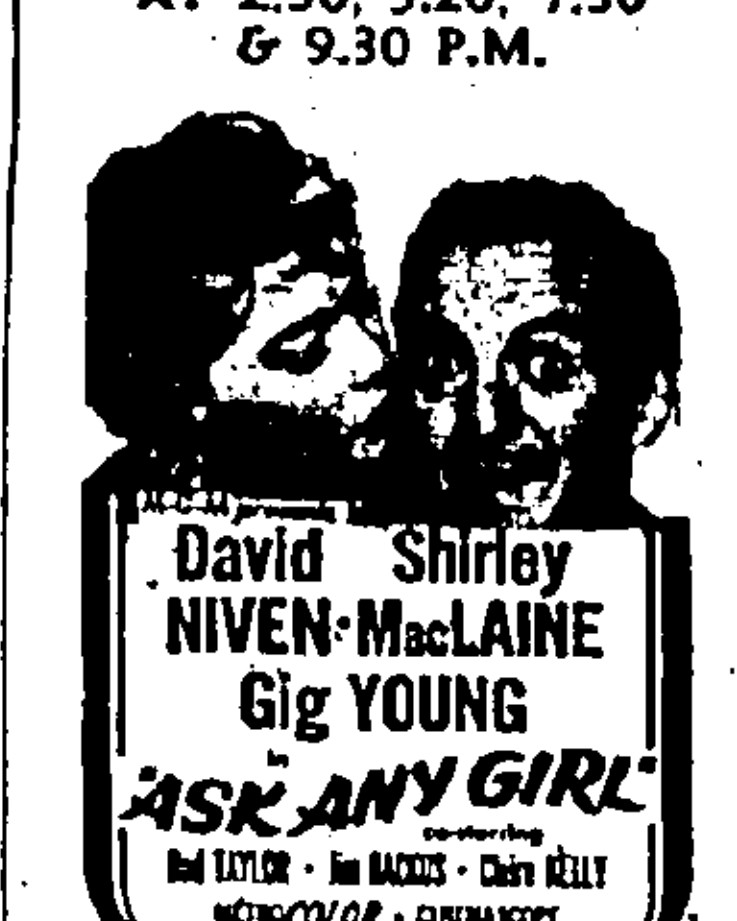
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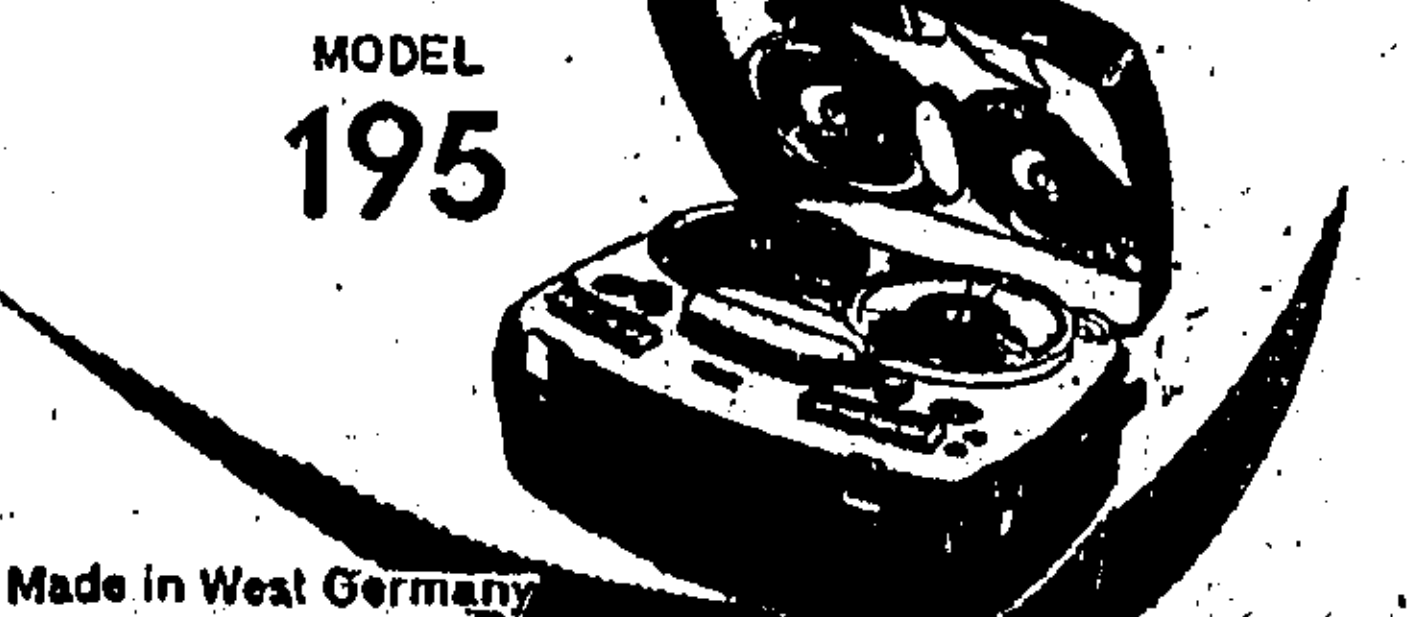
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As the summit talks near... a disturbing appraisal of Western defence

SPLITTING APART AT THE SEAMS

THAT'S THE LATEST JUDGMENT ABOUT NATO

By PAUL JOHNSON

IS NATO disintegrating? This is the question being asked by military men of many nations on the eve of the Western Summit. Not only has NATO failed to reach the target figures laid down as the absolute minimum by its policy planners, but there is a real possibility that its existing forces, small as they are, will be further eroded in the near future.

At Lisbon, in 1952, the target for the European theatre was set at between 65 and 95 divisions, with air power of corresponding magnitude. Two years later it was realised that there was not the slightest possibility of assembling such forces, and the figure was scaled down to 30, on condition that these divisions were gradually "nuclearised."

General Norstad, the figure would be disastrous. Yet what is the position today? He commands a serious shortfall below this mere 16 combat-ready

divisions—five from the USA, two and half British, five German, one each from France, Belgium and the Netherlands, plus a Canadian brigade.

Moreover, combat-ready is really a euphemism. Very few of the German troops are fully trained. The British divisions are 40 per cent below strength.

And one of Norstad's deputies recently described the Benelux contingents as worthless.

5m. bogus notes are kept in U.S. vault

FIVE million dollars in paper money is kept securely locked behind heavy steel doors in a vault in the United States Treasury Building here—yet all the money is worthless.

This is what Treasury experts call the "funny money room" of the counterfeit section of the U.S. Secret Service.

Samples of every counterfeit currency ever picked up by the Treasury agents are kept in a locked file in this room.

Before the civil war

The samples include some three-dollar bills which are counterfeit of money issued by state banks before the American civil war.

It was these "funny money" items which led to the expression "as phony as a three-dollar bill."

Millions of dollars of counterfeit currency uncovered by Treasury agents in recent years are kept in vaults lining one wall of the room.

The Secret Service keeps this "funny money" for five years on

the chance it may be required as evidence in court.

Kept for two years

If the Service is certain the bills will never be needed as evidence, it keeps them for two years before they are bundled up and delivered to the Treasury Department's official "destruction committee."

The bogus money is then taken to the Naval Weapons Plant, where it is burned.

The Secret Service uses its counterfeit filing system to check whether new "bogus bills" are copies of earlier fakes.

Its files also help citizens who discover hidden treasures of old currency in attics, trunks and secret storage places.

Recently, bills were uncovered after half a century. They were fakes. On file were their duplicates seized by agents decades ago.

—(London Express Service).

Blackmail

Nor is this all. This year, in default of a reply to his memorandum to Eisenhower calling for a bigger

say-so in NATO decisions, General de Gaulle removed the powerful French fleet from the Mediterranean command and forced the Americans to withdraw their tactical bomber forces from France.

He is likely to take still sterner measures unless—and this seems improbable—he gets satisfaction.

The basis of NATO's infra-structure—its supply and communications system—is in France giving de Gaulle infinite opportunities for blackmail.

France's claims are not the only threat to the

Anglo-U.S. control of NATO. As we progress into the 1960s, Germany's demand for a bigger say in policy will grow ever more insistent.

Already, with the appointment of General Speidel as Central Europe commander, they have seized the key army post.

In July, Speidel replaced Britain's Major-General Thompson by another German, General Wirsing, as Operations Chief on his staff. Now the Germans are pressing for the removal of General Sir Dudley Ward, commander of NATO Army Group North, and his replacement by a German.

They are also, in league with the French, conspiring to oust General Sir Richard Gale, Norstad's deputy.

Diminishing

How can these demands be resisted? Already the Germans supply more troops to NATO than any other nation except the United States. By the mid-1960s, with 12 whole divisions, they will outnumber all other NATO powers on the ground.

And, with their target of 1,000 front-line aircraft, they will be second only to the U.S.A. in the air.

The rise of German hegemony in NATO is linked to an even more vital problem: the type of war NATO intends to wage in the event of Soviet aggression.

In Britain and the USA the number of those who believe that a Soviet probe in Europe should evoke strategic nuclear retaliation is steadily diminishing.

Admiral Charles Brown, NATO Commander in Southern Europe, has stated flatly: "It would not recommend the use of any atomic weapons, however small, when both sides have the power to destroy the world."

The British—despite the grandiloquent phrase of the

Sandys 1958 White Paper—now hold the same view. Mr. Macmillan is fond of repeating: "I cannot envisage any circumstances in which I would go to the Queen and say, 'Ma'am, the time has come for your subjects to commit suicide.'"

Indeed, the Sandys theory is now defended for purely financial reasons.

It should be possible—and the latest publication of the Army League argues this strongly—for NATO's forces to contain a Soviet thrust using only conventional weapons.

The risks

But it is at this point that the German strategists come in. By ruling out massive retaliation, they argue, the risks of a conventional war fought on German territory vastly increase.

We lose, they say, whatever happens. Therefore it is essential to our national interest to make it clear that we will use nuclear weapons right from the start.

Had the original proposal to equip the new German Army with only conventional, short-range weapons been carried out, the risk would not be grave. Unfortunately the Germans are being nuclearised too. German troops are already training in the U.S.A. in the use of nuclear weapons.

In July, the first U.S.-built Matador rockets, with a range of 850 miles, were handed over to Germany. For the moment, their nuclear warheads will be retained in U.S. custody.

But Germany already has a stake in the French nuclear weapons programme, and the time must inevitably come when she disposes of warheads of her own. The Germans will then be in a position to dictate the fire-power level of any clash in Europe.

This is the impasse in which Britain and the U.S. find themselves. No wonder they are now searching for a political solution, and treading gingerly along the path to disarmament.

—(London Express Service).

* The British Army in the Nuclear Age. 2/6.

NOW ON TO THE BOMB

From Sydney Smith

Colomb-Bechar. A LONG Atom Bomb Road—the Sahara desert route to de Gaulle's prestige explosion—I watched a French missile streaking for 50 miles the other night. It ended within 10 yards of its target.

Earlier I watched a guided air-to-air rocket streak across the deep blue Sahara sky at two and a half times the speed of sound, 30,000 ft. up.

Both these demonstrations were technically top secret. I wasn't allowed to see exactly how the rockets were guided, nor to know their exact force or speed.

France is carrying out these kinds of tests seven days and seven nights a week in the most concentrated programme of top secret experiments ever held.

Like the de Gaulle A-bomb they belong to the prestige programme which is intended to put France back among the ruling nations.

PRECIOUS

It is not a programme based simply on publicity. I have had to fight and argue for weeks to be allowed to go anywhere near this tremendous mushrooming scheme by which the general plans to restore his country to the councils of world leadership.

Without the kind of rocket tests which are going on around Colomb-Bechar, an atomic explosive isn't much use. The rockets are the vehicles of delivery.

And just how capable France is of using those vehicles I can tell you in the words of a senior officer of the top-secret Colomb-Bechar rocket base:

"We are now firing—on tests of course—at the rate of 800 to 1,000 rockets of all kinds a year. By this time next year our capacity will be 2,000 to 3,000 rockets a year."

At this moment we have 30 different kinds of rockets being tested. We have a much greater number of control instruments under test.

Our photographic department develops and prints just over 400 miles of film a day. In a year, we shall easily double that figure next year.

I watched the air-to-air firing of a guided rocket from the roof of a control post at the base.

Down below were four portable rocket-launching ramps, and a hangar full of rockets.

The newest rocket of them all, the CFM, more than two and a half times supersonic, is Colomb-Bechar's most precious baby. It has been brought to perfection here.

And Britain is buying it to transform it into a pitiless reconnaissance plane with a radius of action of 100 miles from its ground controller.

I am handing even further south—towards the bomb—to see just how lovely you can get.

—(London Express Service).



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by JOCASTA INNES



JACOBY on BRIDGE

TODAY'S hand which was sent me by John Wain of Greensburg, Pa., might well be called the little slam that wasn't there.

Since the heart and spade these both lose and the clubs don't break six no-trump must be set unless East is kind enough to open a heart. Six clubs must also go down. It appears that six hearts is a nice easy contract but look what happens if West opens a

NORTH (D)		4	
♠	Q 8 7		
♥	A Q		
♦	A J		
♣	A K Q 6 5 4		
WEST		EAST	
♥	K 5 2	♥	4 3
♠	J 10 8 2	♥	K Q 9 7 4
♦	10 8 7 5 4	♦	9 3 2
♣	9	♣	J 10 7 2
SOUTH			
♠	A J 10 9 5		
♥	6 5 3		
♦	K Q 6		
♣	8 3		
Both vulnerable			
North	East	South	West
2♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥ J			

heart. South goes up with dummy's ace and takes three rounds of diamonds in order to get rid of dummy's queen of hearts. Now, suppose he ruffs a heart and leads dummy's queen of spades. West refuses to win the trick. Even looking at all the cards, South can't avoid the loss of a trump and a heart.

Suppose South goes to dummy with a club and leads the spade queen. This time West will win and leads the suit back. If South ruffs a heart, he can't get out of dummy to draw the last trump. If South draws trumps, he can only get one heart cleared.

Of course, there is one slam in the hand. If North plays the six spades he will wrap it up.

★CARD SENSE★

Q—The bidding has been:
West North East South
1♠ Double Pass 1♠
2♠ Pass Pass 2♠
Pass 2♥ Pass ?

You, South, hold:
♠743 ♣54 ♠AK32 ♠76
What do you do?
A—Pass. Your partner is showing a five-card heart suit but you are not strong enough to raise him.

TODAY'S QUESTION
You hold the same hand and your partner has bid two hearts directly over West's two-club bid. What do you do now?
Answer Tomorrow

LADY LUCK

your CHINA MAIL horoscope

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): When asking a friend for what seems to you a small favor, don't forget that it may mean a lot of trouble to him.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Having found a very reliable subordinate, you ought to give him sufficient scope to work on his own initiative.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): When discussing family affairs with an outsider, don't make disclosures you will afterwards regret.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may be wasting your time and energy on a trifle which is really not worth all the effort.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Since you owe your position and progress to your own efforts, you don't have to accept criticism from casual acquaintances.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): Some people like to give advice about things of which they know little or nothing. You can listen without having to act upon it.

LEO (July 22-August 21): Don't be discouraged just because you have failed to

change a certain person's attitude towards you. You can do very well without his approval.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): A slight financial loss on one transaction will soon be compensated by a profit on another.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Don't boast about some minor talent, as it may be difficult to live up to your overstatement.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): The next few days will be full of surprises for you by way of early Christmas gifts and unexpected invitations.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Don't magnify your troubles in conversation with others, as they may not believe you when you really need their help.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): After a period of little or no social activity you will soon get into your stride again.

YOUR LUCKY CARD: If this is your birthday, your lucky card, no matter what game you may be playing, ought to be the SEVEN OF SPADES.

MR and Mrs Julian Amery and their four young children live in one of those tall stuccoed houses in Eaton Square. It is a fashionable address. The Amerys are a fashionable couple.

As Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, Julian Amery, Suez rebel, a politician with a reputation for toughness and courage, has one of the key junior Minister posts in the present Government.

Mrs Amery is the Prime Minister's daughter, a granddaughter of the late Duke of Devonshire, connected via her mother to some of the most powerful Establishment families. For all their glittering aureole the Amerys live very unpretentiously.

Partly because they like a free and easy family life. Partly, too, because an Under-Secretary's salary—£3,250 a year, with none of the money-spinning TV appearances and articles with which ordinary MPs eke out their official wage—doesn't run to Bentley or butlers.

They do not own a car. Which is why, most weekdays, the Prime Minister's younger daughter can be seen hurrying round the square to collect daughters Louise and Therese from their day school.

Their staff is small by Eaton Square standards—a Sicilian couple who clean and cook for the family, plus a cook who comes in to cope with more elaborate occasions.

The house itself is almost exactly as it was when Julian's father, Leopold Amery, first lived there fifty years ago—painted in sombre greens and reds, overflowing with books, paintings and curios. A comfortable, untidy, pleasantly lived-in place.

It is a background into which Mrs Amery fits perfectly, a gentle, unassuming, diffident but dignified woman. To look at she is the sort of woman who delicate painters and is the despair of fashion writers.

LIKE FATHER

HER face, aristocratic, pale with a high serene forehead, is beautiful. Her clothes tend to be whatever comes to hand and are comfortable. Her black cardigan, I noticed, had a button missing. But whatever she wears, she has, like her father, the black of looking distinguished, exactly right. In conversation she talks hesitantly. One of the most public-ly

My guess, though, is that she manages pretty well. She is not a Macmillan for nothing. She has the Macmillan intelligence, and humour, plus the insight into political life which comes from being brought up in a political family. Before her marriage she helped her mother to entertain, accompanied her father as confidential secretary on official tours. Now, in her early 30's, she probably knows more about her job than any other junior Minister's wife.

"And I enjoy it, you know—my job or my life or whatever you like to call it," she said, with a small disarming smile. "There really isn't such a thing as a dry off—something always crops up. But as a politician's wife one expects that," she says.

Visiting colonial delegations and conferences mean bouts of concentrated official entertaining; lunch and dinner must be

organised at short notice for her husband's friends and colleagues.

And at any time between eight o'clock and midnight the telephone—"It usually seems to catch me in the basement doing the laundry"—may announce a friend from abroad, in London for a few days.

The Amerys have a vast foreign acquaintance, from former ambassadors like Rene Massigli down to Albanian soldiers who fought with her husband in the war. They are both good linguists.

"They all know that this place is open house and we like people to drop in for a meal—it's a tradition my father-in-law started and we try to keep it up."

Mrs Amery's system for coping with these emergencies is simple and effective—she keeps the larger well stocked with food which can be grilled in a short time.

HIS CHOICE

Before official dinner parties—"I keep these, no more than 10 or 12 people. If there is a lot of entertaining to do I give lots of small dinners, asking friends along to mix things up"—she goes into conference with the cook, generally settles for something plain, English and substantial. Roast lamb, for instance, served with a choice of veget-

ables in reason, followed by chocolate mousse. She leaves the choice of wines to her husband.

"He knows much more about wines than I do," she said with some relief. As wife of the Colonial Under-Secretary, however, she often has to cope with special dietetic restrictions. Moslem and Jewish guests are forbidden to eat certain foods. This has to be taken into account when planning the menu.

"Luckily the cook had lots of experience of cooking for Middle Easterners when she worked for father-in-law. I leave these worries to her," said Mrs A.

SOMBRE ROOM

WHEN there are a few guests the Amerys usually receive them in a study, a small room on the ground floor furnished with solid leather-covered furniture. Larger parties are entertained in the large L-shaped book-lined room on the first floor which used to be the library.

The dining-room is a sombre pleasantly Victorian room. The Amerys eat round an oval mahogany table which can be extended when there are more than six people to dinner. The walls are hung with part of a huge collection of early Persian paintings, including a full-length portrait of a 17th-century Shah immensely bearded, with eyebrows like scimitars, dressed in glittering

YOU'RE ENGAGED...HARD LUCK!

THE girl down the road has just become engaged to be married. We all went along to celebrate, to drink a cocktail, to offer a small present for the "bottom drawer," to say "Congratulations" to the fiance, and "Best Wishes" to the fiancée.

Which is what everyone does, the world over, when a young couple become engaged. But I think that the bride-to-be needs a lot more than just best wishes. It would be far more honest if the celebrators said "Good luck, you poor thing!" because although I'm all for happy marriages, I don't think engagements are much fun.

Gloria Gordon's COLUMN

Q? Q? Q? Q? Q? Q?

If YOU'VE got a newly-engaged lassie down your road, just put these questions to her—after she's been engaged for about a month.

Q. Do you ever wake up in the morning and think: "Good heavens! What have I done?"

Q. Do you often cry, for no reason at all?

Q. Do you have occasional doubts as to whether you're doing the right thing?

Q. Do you find—be honest!—an engagement a frustrating time?

Q. When house-hunting, furniture-buying, wallpapering, painting and generally working like a Trojan, do you get badly-tempered with your fiancé?

Last Q. Do you sometimes feel completely indifferent to your fiancé?

UNSETTLING

If she answers "yes" to all six questions, don't be surprised. And tell her not to worry. She's being perfectly normal. And she's likely to get worse until she's better, which will be when the wedding bells peal.

MEN do all the worrying, have all the nerves, get ill, wait to run a mile—BEFORE they've proposed.

WOMEN behave in exactly the same way—AFTER they've accepted. Engagements are unsettling times. Mothers become unsettled. Fathers become unsettled. How can the young couple stay calm, with all this unsettling going on?

During the courtship there are moonlight dances, parties, outings. After the engagement there is house or flat-hunting; money-worrying; house or flat cleaning; house or flat painting, decorating and furnishing. Not to mention wedding of garden plots, sewing of trousseau clothes, hemming and frilling of YARDS of curtaining.

FUN! Hal But never mind. As I told the girl down the road, everything will be all right. Once she's married!

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Do not use soap when cleaning windows because it leaves streaks on the glass. Instead, use plain water or acid vinegar, ammonia, washing soda, alcohol, kerosene or borax to wash water.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Funny Sort of Voices

—It Turns Out They Belong to the Vegetables—

By MAX TRELL

"It's a curious thing," said General Tin, the Tin Soldier, to all his friends in the Playroom, "but I'm sure there are some folks living in the vegetable bin."

Everyone was surprised to hear this. "It's a very small bin," said Hanid, the Shadow Girl with the Turned-About Name.

Hiawatha Spoke Up. "There's nobody in that bin," said Hiawatha, the Small-Sized Wooden Indian. "I just looked."

"A vegetable bin is for vegetables," said Hiawatha. "There's nothing in that bin except potatoes and onions and peas and beans and a head of cabbage and a bunch of radishes."

"Maybe so, maybe so," said General Tin. "But last night while I was standing here and all of you were fast asleep, and the house was dark and nobody was moving around—all of a sudden I heard some voices—funny sort of voices."

What He Means. Everyone in the room now wanted to know what General Tin meant by "funny sort of voices."

"Well," said General Tin, "there was a round potato-y kind of voice. I heard it saying, 'I don't like being in this bin. It's been a week now since I came up from the ground. I'd like to get out and see a bit of the world.'"

"Don't be impatient," said another voice that sounded cabbage-y. "I heard the Lady of the House saying to her next-door neighbour that she couldn't make up her mind whether to bake you or boil you or mash you or cut you up in little pieces and fry you."

Served With Steak. "But she said that what-over she decided to do with you, she was absolutely sure that she was going to serve you with a big thick steak which her guests come tomorrow."

"Wonderful! Wonderful!" exclaimed the potato-y voice. "And what about me?" cried a chorus of several voices.

Teddy asked General Tin what kind of voices they were. "I mean," he said, "were they potato-y or cabbage-y or what?"

Tomato-y Voices. "They were tomato-y," said General Tin. "Aren't we going to be served tomorrow? the tomato-y voices asked."

"Yes, indeed," said the cabbage-y voice. "The Lady of the House talked about you red-checked boys and girls, too."

"Hurray!" shouted the chorus of tomato-y voices. "Are we going to be baked or boiled or mashed or cut up in little pieces and fried?"

"Neither," replied the cabbage-y voice. "You're going to be sliced and put in a salad."

"Wonderful! Wonderful!" cried the tomato-y voices. "Full of Wonderful!"

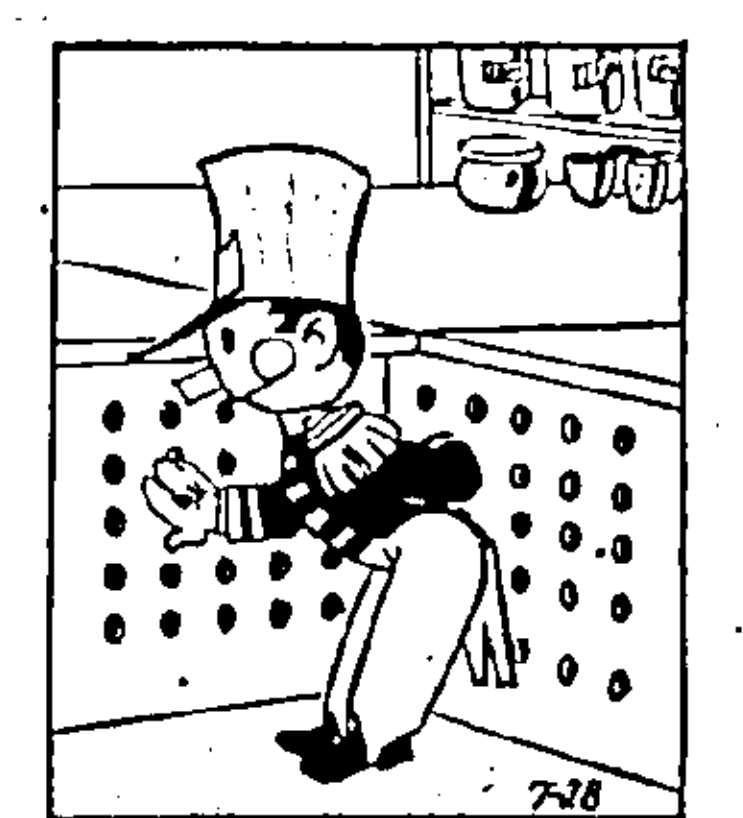
Bunch Of Radishes. "Then," said General Tin, "a whole bunch of radish-y voices asked: 'What about us?'"

"Yes, you're going to be served, too," said the cabbage-y voice. "Wonderful! Wonderful! Wonderful!"

"Are we going to be baked, are we going to be boiled, are we going to be mashed, are we going to be cut up in small pieces and fried, or are we going to be cut in thin slices and put in a salad?"

Just As You Are. "My little friends," said the cabbage-y voice, "you're going out just as you are. No one is going to do a single thing to you except hold you under the cold water and wash you so that you look pink and fresh and appetizing."

"Why, General Tin," said Hanid at this moment, "the folks you thought were living in the vegetable bin were the vegetables themselves."



General Tin heard voices from the vegetable bin.

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"Why, General Tin," said Hanid at this moment, "the folks you thought were living in the vegetable bin were the vegetables themselves."

And everyone in the Playroom knew that the one who was to be baked or boiled or mashed or cut in little pieces and fried was the potato and the others in the vegetable bin were the tomatoes, the cabbage and the bunch of pink, fresh, appetizing little radishes.

Rupert and the Whistlefish—47



The meal is over at last. "Now I wonder how we're going to get home again," says Sailor Sam. Seeing guest wishes to speak, the king made for his aged interpreter. "Ah, my king realise it time you return to your country," says the old man. "So now he

make farewell, yes?" And Rupert and Sam bow low while the little king waves and chatters as cheerfully as ever. "I hope he's not asking us to come and see him again," murmurs Sam under his breath. "I've seen quite enough of these parts!"

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Another Asian Record At SEAP Games

THAILAND'S SUDHI MANYAGAS
SETS NEW TIME OF 21.5 SECS
IN THE 200 METRES

Bangkok, Dec. 15.

Burma's refusal to play their volleyball match against Thailand and a free-for-all fight between Malayan and Vietnamese footballers marred the South East Asia Peninsula Games here today.

The highlight of the day's programme was the breaking of another Asian Games record by Thailand's star athlete Sudhi Manyagas in the men's 200-metre sprint.

He ran the distance in 21.5 seconds, beating the previous Asian record established by M. Sharif Butt of Pakistan and Milka Singa of India.

Sudhi had already yesterday established a new Asian record in the 100 metres sprint with a time of 10.4 seconds, bettering the 1954 Asian Games record of 10.6 seconds set by A. Khajir of Pakistan in Manila.

Burma's refusal today to play against Thailand in the volleyball competition surprised organisers of the Games. The Burmese insisted that a neutral referee be appointed instead of a Thai official.

Heated Arguments

They claimed their refusal followed what they considered to be "many doubtful decisions" by a Thai referee in yesterday's volleyball match between Thailand and Vietnam.

After heated arguments, it was decided to play the game tomorrow after 10.00 a.m. was drawn to select between a Thai or Burmese referee.

In the football tournament, Malaya beat Vietnam by two goals to one but the game was spoilt by rough tactics followed by a free-for-all between players of the two teams.

Two players, one from each side, were sent off the field.

The Malayan and Vietnamese opened their match with a display of superb ball-control and skilful dribbling. But after 30 minutes when the score was 1-1, the game deteriorated into rough play.

Thailand, the host country, had another successful day today capturing six gold medals, four silver and three bronze.

Medal Standings

Burma was the second most successful country with three gold medals, six silver and three bronze, followed by Malaya with two, five and nil, Singapore two, nil and four, Vietnam one, nil and three and Laos nil.

The totals to date are: Thailand 18 gold, 17 silver and 11 bronze; Burma eight, nine and six; Malaya seven, 10 and five; Singapore five, three and nine; Vietnam two, two and four and Laos nil.

On the basis of five points for gold, three for silver and one for bronze, Thailand has 182 points, Burma 73, Malaya 70, Singapore 43, Vietnam 20 and Laos nil.

Other results today were:

Athletics

Pole Vault

1. A. Pal Singh, Singapore, 3.92 metres.
2. Soe Mta, Burma, and C. Perera, Malaya.

Weightlifting

Middleweight

1. Maung Bu, Burma, 790 pounds.
2. Santana Sirisingh, Thailand.
3. Mya Thlen, Burma.

Heavyweight

1. Kwan Keng-lam, Malaya, 780 pounds.
2. Vinol, Nonthaswin, Thailand, 740.
3. Yeo Gum-cheong, Singapore.

Tennis

Women's Doubles Final

Thailand's Sanguan Suteharitkul and Phanyun Sukawat beat Malaya's Katherine Leong and Anna Han, 6-2, 0-1.

Table Tennis

The strong Vietnamese table tennis team won the gold medal today when it beat Thailand in an exciting contest.

The experienced Vietnamese players won the event by five games to one but each match was a hard fought one.

The best among the visitors was Huynh Ngee who beat Thai champion Sompao in a close tussle, 21-19, 21-19. Ngee displayed a strong forehand and was accurate with his shots.

The less experienced Thai players, none of whom played in international games before, made some nervous mistakes but gained plenty of match experience.

Burma, which was to compete in the event, did not show up.

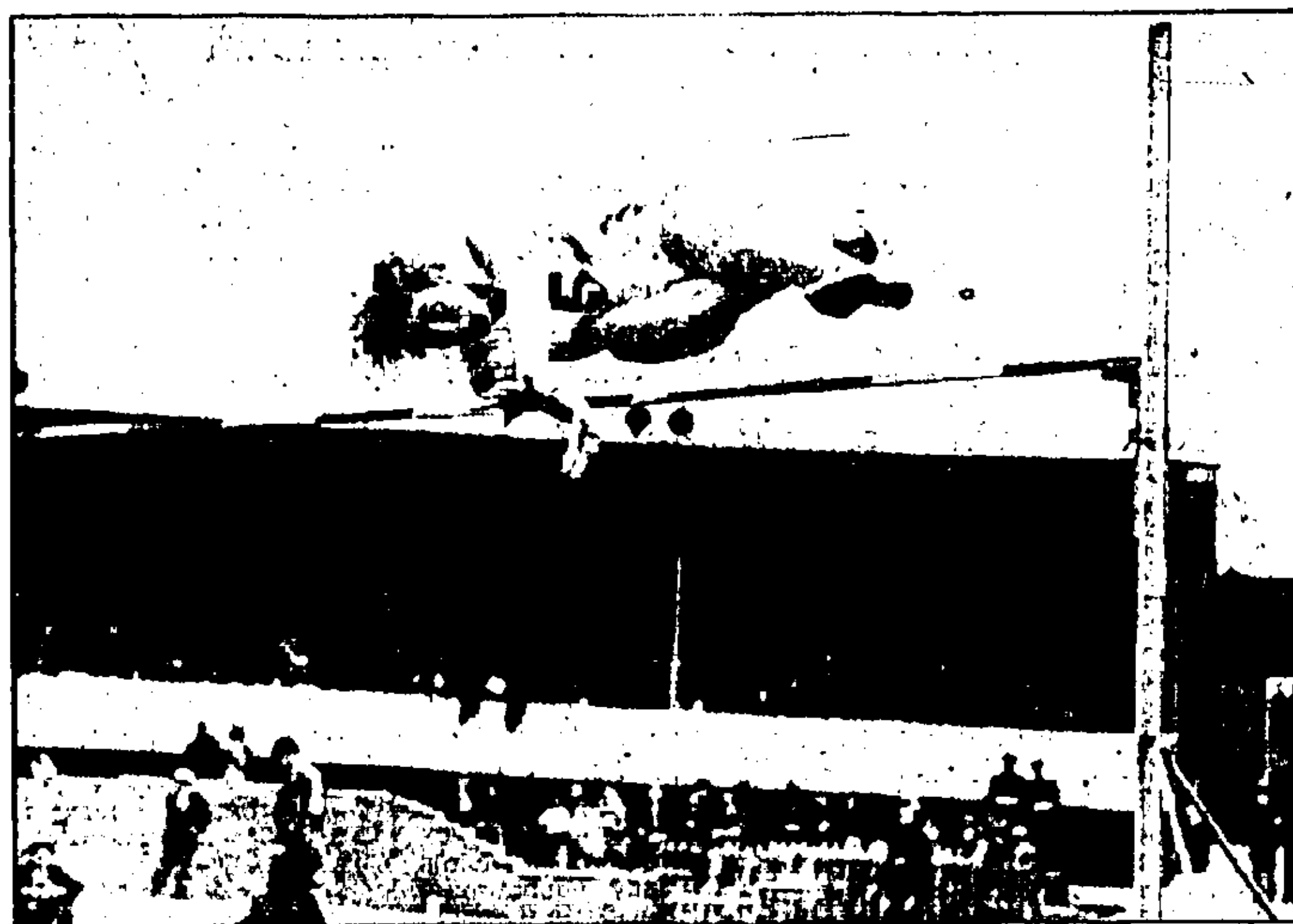
Shooting

Thailand took the first two places in today's free and small-bore rifle shooting events.

The third place went to Vietnam.

Thailand's Krisda scored a total of 1,069 points followed by compatriot Charun with 999 and Vy Van Xau of Vietnam with 819.—Reuters, UPI and AFP.

SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR



Britain's best bet for a woman's gold medal at next year's Olympics is a 10-year-old all-rounder who is British champion at long jump and 80 metres hurdles, was AAA runner-up in the high jump, and is in the international class in the sprint and Pentathlon events.

She is Mary Denise Signal, postal clerk in a brewery firm, who last week was voted Sportswoman of the Year. In Moscow in September she won the hurdles and came third in the high jump to be officially named the best girl athlete of the match. In Rome in October at an 18-nation international meeting she won the hurdles, the 100 metres and was again third in the high jump. Photo shows all-rounder Mary in action. — London Express photo.

Malayan Cricketers Leave

The Malayan cricket team left by air this morning for Hong Kong after a successful tour here.

In addition to winning the Interport match against Hong Kong, they had also won all their other three matches against the Combined Civilian, the President's XI and the Combined Services.

Last night they were entertained to a farewell dinner by the Malayan Association at Duddell Street.

Billy Knight To Play In India

London, Dec. 15. Billy Knight, a British Davis Cup player, has been nominated by the Lawn Tennis Association to represent Great Britain in the Asian championships at Calcutta from December 21 to January 3.

The National Championships of India at Delhi on January 4 to 10, it was announced here today.—AFP.

Flash Elorde Wins Non-Title Bout

Manila, Dec. 15. Orient flyweight champion Flash Elorde toyed with Bert Somodio for ten rounds to win a one-sided exhibition bout over the Philippines No. 1 light-weight contender here tonight.

Elorde weighed 135½ and Somodio 133½ pounds for the non-title bout.—AP.

Spectators In A Fight At Patterson's Exhibition Match

Montreal, Dec. 15. A ring-side battle, apparently touched off by a racial issue, involved about 12 spectators at Floyd Patterson's exhibition boxing match on Monday night.

Some of the participants came out with minor cuts and bruises. There were no serious injuries as police quickly broke up the brawl.

TWO PENTANGULAR RUGBY MATCHES TONIGHT

Club Take On Garrison In One Of Tournament's Major Clashes

By PAK LO

Tonight rugby fans in large numbers are expected to wend their way to the Club ground to see one of the major clashes of the Pentangular Tournament, when Club, at 7.15 p.m. under the floodlights, face one of their top rivals for the Pentangular honours, the Hongkong and Kowloon Garrison.

In the other Pentangular earlier in the evening the RAF are against the Police at 6.00 p.m., and this too should be a close and exciting match.

Earlier in the afternoon the 49 Field Regiment are hosts to the RASC out at San Wai at 3.15 p.m.

Club, who start as obvious favourites in their match tonight, will have to pull out all the stops against the Army team, for Club have been weakened by injuries, and the departure of some of their players.

One Big Advantage

However, the Club pack is still very strong and should gain a decided advantage in the scrums and loose, though Club has yet to show it can be effective in the lineouts against strong opposition.

Club have, however, one big advantage in that they have the much superior halves, with

Gilroy Elected Best Young British Boxer Of The Year

London, Dec. 15.

European, British and British Empire bantam-weight champion Freddie Gilroy of Northern Ireland was today elected best young British boxer of the year by the British Boxing Writers' Club.

Gilroy won all three of his titles this year, beating Scotland's Peter Keenan for the British and Empire crowns and Italy's Pietro Rollo for the European championship.

During the year the Belfast boxer also defeated Al Asuncion of the Philippines and Italy's former world champion Mario Daga.

Gilroy, who will receive the Geoffrey Simpson Trophy at a banquet here on January 13, got the vote over three other unbeaten boxers — Brian Cuvvis and Phil Jones of Wales and Lonslow Roy, Beaman.

Gilroy is the second Northern Irishman to win the trophy. The first was another bantamweight from Belfast, John Kelly, who received it in 1953.—AFP.

Thailand Enters SEAP Games Football Final

Bangkok, Dec. 15.

Thailand qualified to meet Vietnam in the final of the SEAP football championship by beating Burma five goals to two after a one-all tie at half-time in the night game.

In beating Burma by a big margin Thailand hiked its goal average and surpassed Malaya who now has to be content with third place and the bronze medal.

The Thailand-Vietnam encounter will take place on Thursday just before the closing ceremony of the Games. The collapse of Burma, which although defeated had put up a plucky performance in earlier games, came as a surprise to the 20,000 fans who packed the floodlit National Stadium. But they expressed their approval of the local team by lusty cheers.

OPEN ACCOUNT

Burma looked set to beat Thailand when in the very first minute of the game left-half Kyawswa opened the account for his team. Fifteen minutes later, however, Thailand's left-winger Suchat landed a beautiful header to equalise.

End-to-end play continued until half-time with the score remaining one-all.

After the interval, however, the tide completely turned and Thailand was on top. They scored in the 10th minute of the half through right-half Chock Thai. In the 32nd minute through left-winger Suchat, one minute later through right-winger Annurat and in the 37th minute through right-winger Prasun who converted a free-kick.

Burma could reply with only one goal, scored in the 32nd minute through inside-right Aung Kyaw.—AFP.

Solomons To Give Johansson 'Firm Offer' Today

London, Dec. 15.

Promoter Jack Solomons said today he will meet world heavyweight boxing champion Ingemar Johansson in London on Wednesday and make him a "firm offer" for a little fight in Britain next May 31.

Solomons wants to match Johansson against British champion Henry Cooper at London's outdoor Wembley Stadium.

"We've worked out how much money we could pull in from the fight," the 59-year-old British promoter said.

"We shall show all the figures to Johansson and his adviser, Eddie Ahlquist, tomorrow. We shall also make a firm offer."

"But I don't say Johansson will be able to give us an immediate reply. So much depends on whether the Americans quickly can find a promoter acceptable to Johansson for a return bout in the United States against Floyd Patterson."—AP.

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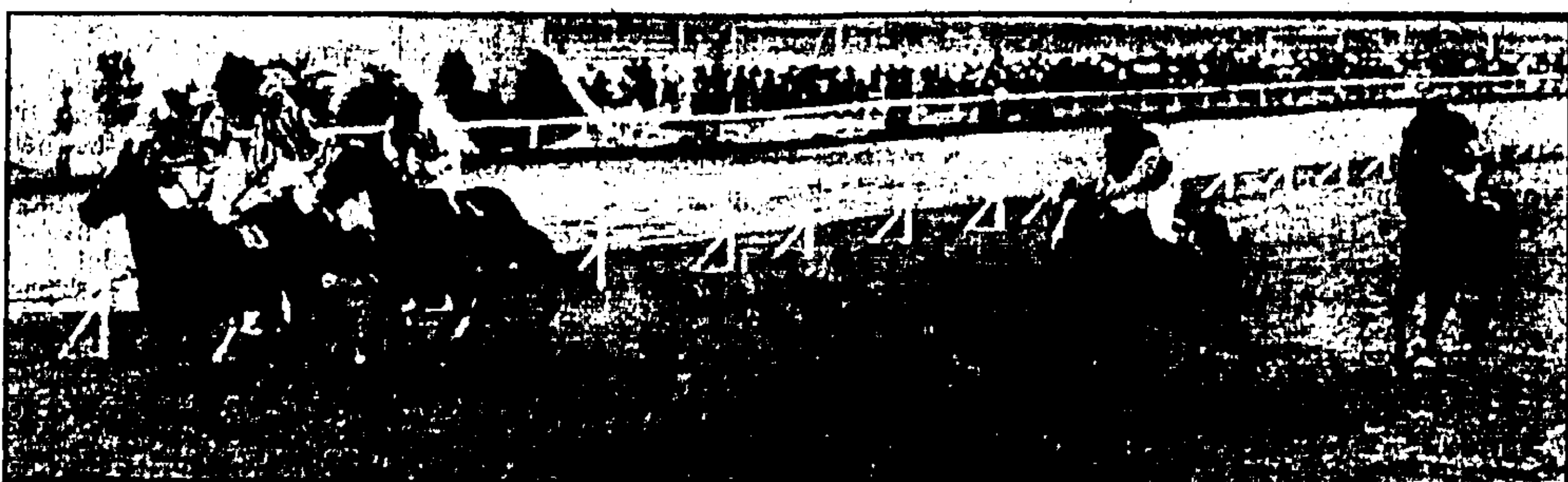
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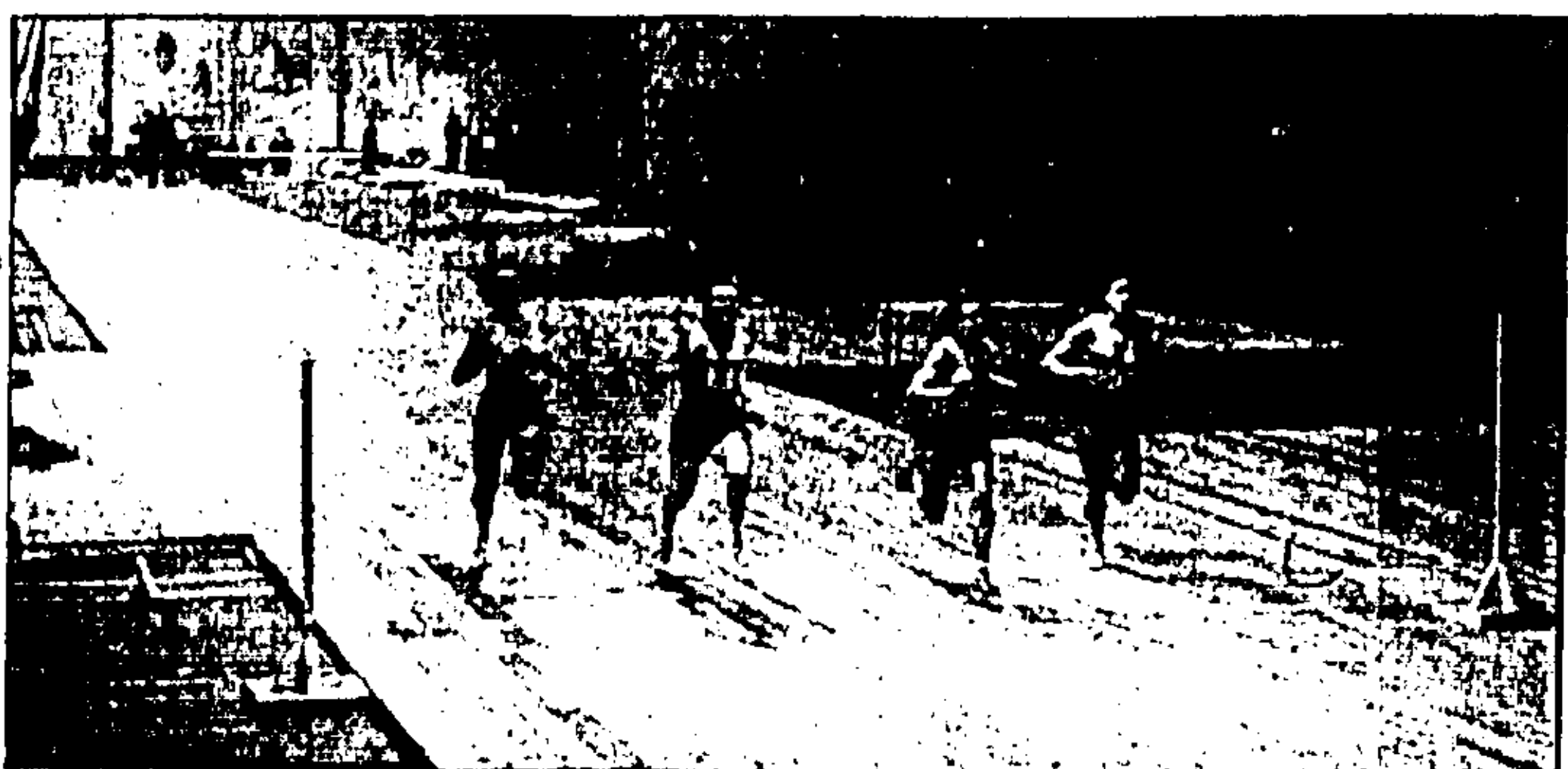


Although first favourites did not fare too well at the first day of the Hongkong Jockey Club's Fifth Race Meeting at Happy Valley last Saturday most of the second and third favourites obliged their supporters.

Above photo shows the finish of Race 5—the Hurst Park Handicap for Class 4 ponies over the distance of six furlongs—where the only major upset occurred. High Noon (No. 3), ridden by A. Ostroumoff, is seen finishing 3/4 length ahead of Jackpot (No. 4) in the time of 1 min 19.1 secs to pay a win dividend of \$37.40. In third place is King Rider, the top favourite (fourth from left).

At left, top favourite Sinclair (No. 10) with Robert Tsai up just manages to edge out House Top (fourth from left) and Belinda (No. 1) by half a length to win the last race of the afternoon—the Kempton Park Handicap for Class 4 ponies over one mile. House Top was second and Belinda third.

BELOW: In a dramatic finish on Monday, Malays beat Hongkong in their three-day interport cricket match at the Hongkong Cricket Club by one wicket. A 92-run last-wicket partnership between S. Nagalah and G. Schubert gave them their win. Photo shows Hongkong's opening batsman G. T. Rowe being clean bowled by Cheah Teow-keat in Hongkong's first innings.—China Mail photos.



For the first time, Britain's Olympic athletes can prepare themselves for the Games during the winter without having their enthusiasm sapped by the weather. With the co-operation of the RAF, last week saw the first indoor athletics meeting held in Britain by the AAA at the RAF Station, Stanmore.

Two hangars had been turned over to the AAA, and though there is still no circular track, and no room for shot putt, there is a 78-yard straight course of pine boards for the sprinters and hurdles, and raised board runways for the jumpers.

Photo shows (from left to right) A. Parker (4th), A. Pover (2nd), M. Weston (1st—7.3 seconds), and D. Hyman (3rd) in the final of the women's 60 yards sprint.—Times photo.



Flory Van Donck, the well-known Belgian professional golfer is shown here at the top of his well controlled swing during an exhibition match at Fanning recently. Playing with fellow Belgian, Donald Swaelens, Donck beat Fanning professional Brian Hoggitt and Korean professional Kim Hay-yuen by four and two over 36 holes. Donck's score was 144 for the 36 holes.—Photo by courtesy of Mr H. A. Owsley.

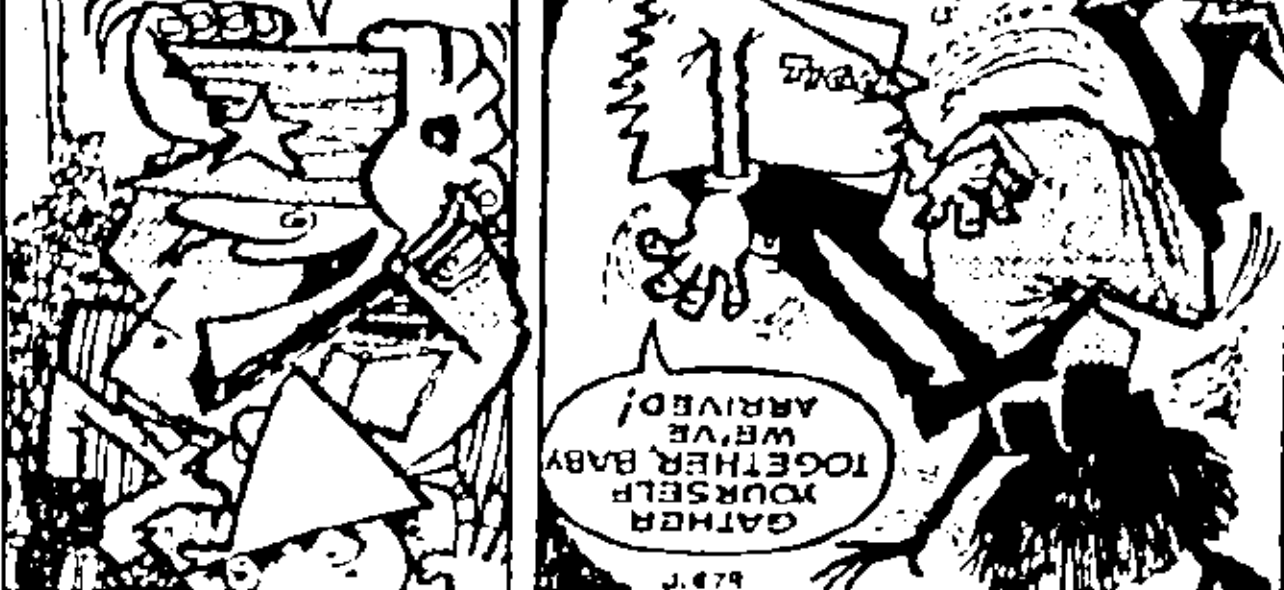
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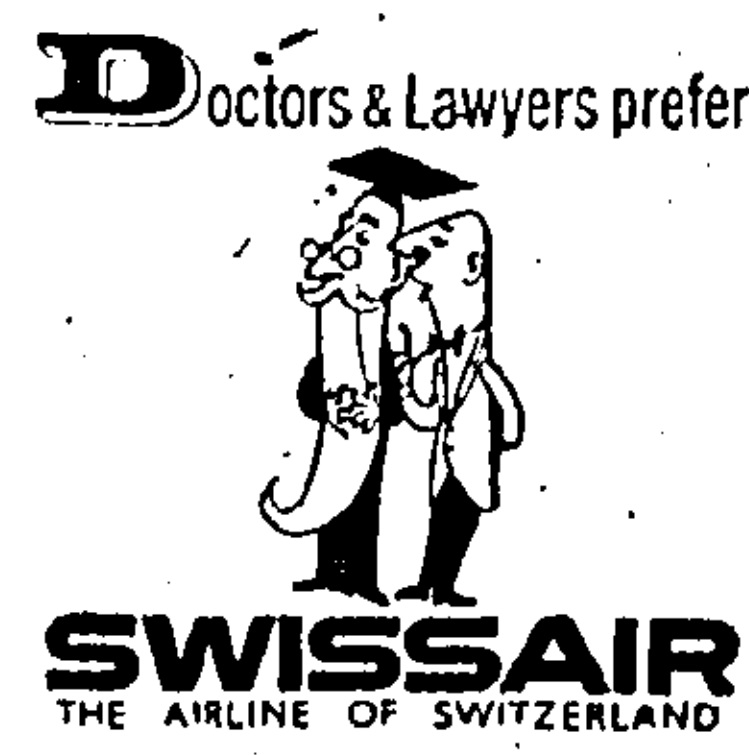
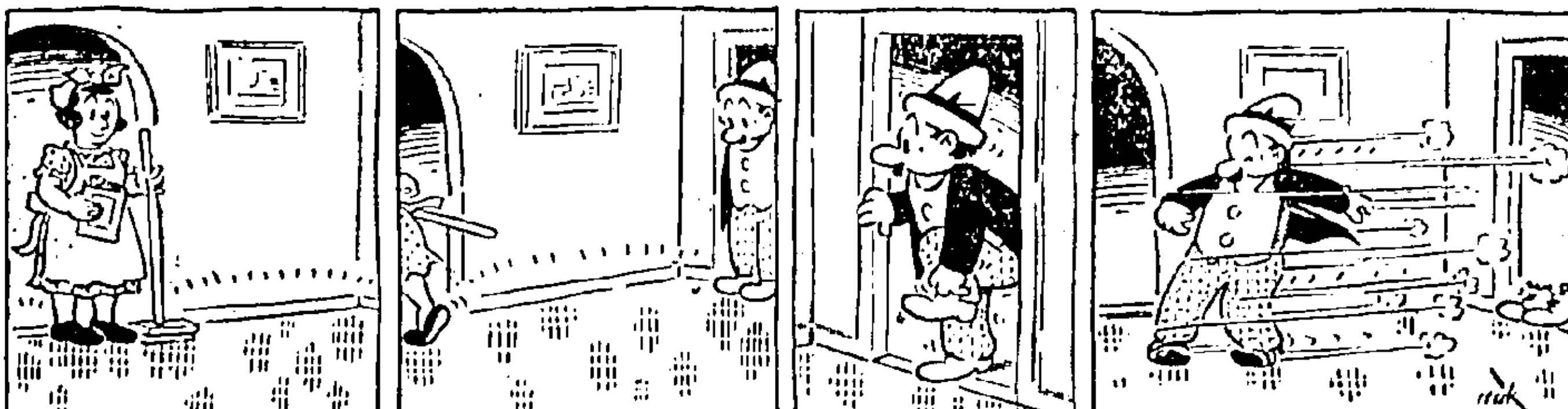
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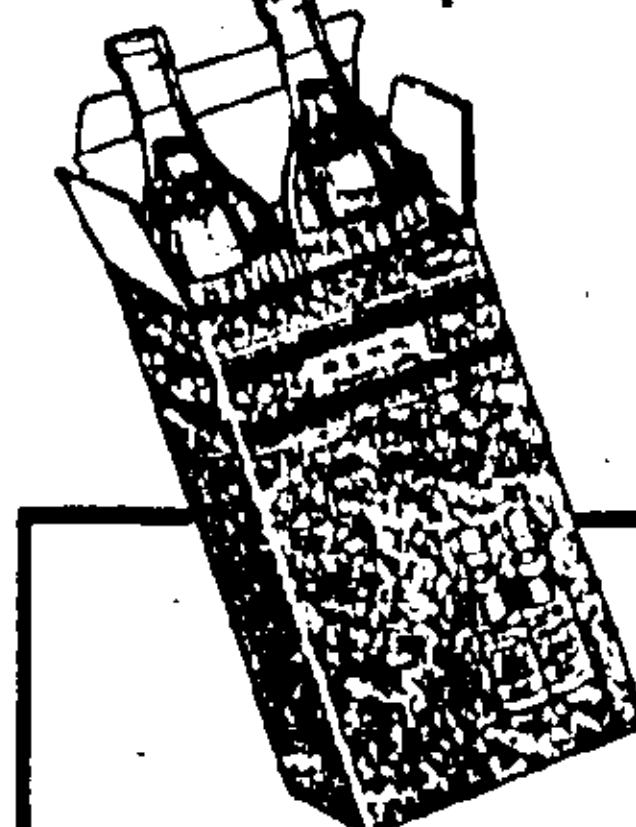
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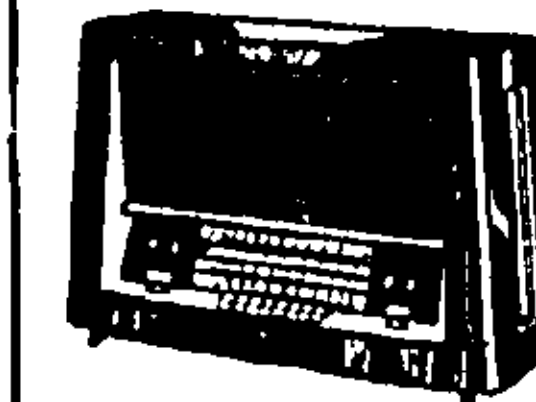
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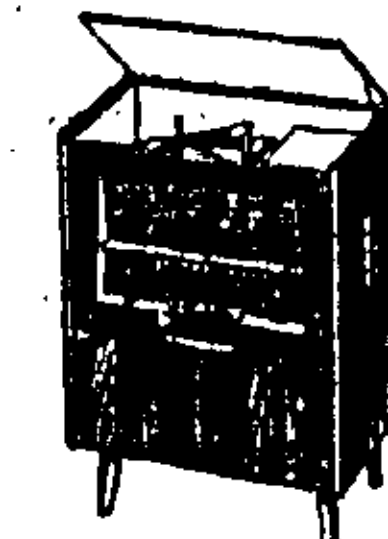


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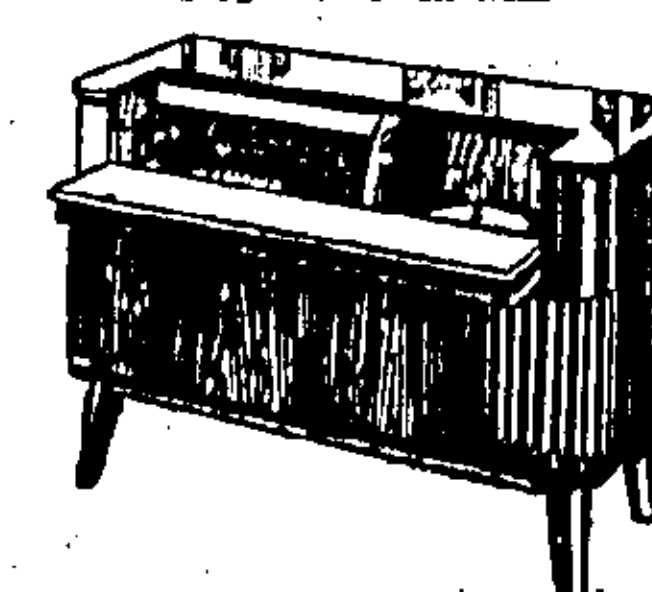


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